

INDIANA STATE PSYCHOLOGY BOARD

Minutes
May 17, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Dr. Hale called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. in Room W064 of the Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, and virtually/electronically through Zoom and declared a quorum in accordance with Indiana Code § 25-33-1-3(g).

Board Members Present:

Gregory Hale, Ph.D., Chair
Stephen G. Ross, Psy.D., Vice Chair
Jere Leib, Ph.D., Member
Raymond W. Horn, Ph.D., Member

Board Members Not Present:

Amber Finley, JD, Consumer Member

State Officials Present:

Cindy Vaught, Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Dana Brooks, Assistant Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Chris Anderson, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

<https://www.youtube.com/@INProfessionalLicensingAgency>

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda as amended.

Leib/Horn
Motion carried 4/0/0

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 12, 2024 and March 8, 2024 were accepted as amended.

Ross/Leib
4/0/0

IV. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Carah Rochester, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, presented the consumer complaint report. She reported that they have closed twelve (12) consumer complaints this year, opened thirty-seven (37) this year, and there are currently twenty-six (26) open. The average age for the open complaints is eleven (11) months. Primarily complaints have been filed in Marion County followed by Hamilton County. There are currently thirty-one (31) complaints filed against psychologists. The primary complaint against psychologists have been unprofessional conduct followed by professional malpractice, and professional incompetence.

There has been one (1) litigation case open this year with one (1) litigation case currently open. The duration of the litigation is two point four (2.4) months.

The Board and Ms. Rochester discussed how complaint timelines were documented, tracked, and investigated in the report. The Board discussed the practice of psychology and how their training assists in reviewing the complaints currently under investigation. Ms. Rochester discussed how the AG's office contacts the Board liaison. The Board discussed their concerns with Ms. Rochester about when that would occur.

V. **PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

A. **Probation**

B. **Application**

1. **Chryssa Athans (PhD) (4th Attempt)**

A motion was made and seconded to approved Dr. Athans to take the EPPP for the 4th time.

Horn/Leib
Motion carried 4/0/0

2. **Behaz Zamani (PhD)**

Dr. Zamani appeared regarding her education. The Board noted that she meets the educational coursework, but not the internship requirements.

Dr. Zamani withdrew her application.

3. **Roselia Juan (PhD)**

Dr. Juan appeared regarding his education from a non-accredited program.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Juan's application.

Horn/Leib
Motion carried 4/0/0

4. **Anthony McCrovitz, PsyD (HSPP)**

Dr. McCrovitz appeared regarding his program with Adler.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. McCrovitz's HSPP application.

Horn/Ross
Motion carried 4/0/0

5. **Sanka Samardzija, Psy.D. (HSPP)**

Dr. Samardziga appeared regarding the required hours. The Board noted that she does not meet the post-internship hour requirements. Advised what is needed.

Board Action: Dr. Samardzija's application was tabled pending additional information.

6. Danielle Walker (PhD)

Dr. Walker did not appear.

7. Patrick McFadden (PhD)

Dr. McFadden appeared by Zoom regarding his positive response of a boundary issue which occurred prior to entering his doctorate program.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. McFadden's application for licensure.

C. Reinstatement

There were no reinstatements for review.

VI. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS

A. Mark Hutten

Cause No. 2024 ISPD 0001

Re: Voluntary Cease and Desist Agreement

Parties Present:

Respondent was not present

Carah Rochester, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Gregory Hale, Ph.D., (Hearing Officer)

Stephen G. Ross, Psy.D.

Jere Leib, Ph.D., Member

Raymond W. Horn, Ph.D., Member

Case Summary: On or about May 8, 2024 Mr. Hutton signed a Voluntary Cease and Desist Agreement with the State. He affirmed that he was practicing psychology in Indiana without a license. He agreed to cease practicing and remove all advertising. Ms. Rochester confirmed that his websites have been updated.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to accept the Voluntary Cease and Desist in the matter of Mr. Hutten.

Hale/Leib

Motion carried 4/0/0

The Board discussed anonymous complaint procedure.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

B. Gina Sacchetti, Ph.D.

Cause No. 202405-PSY-0002

Re: Appeal of Denial

Parties Present:

Respondent was present

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Gregory Hale, Ph.D., (Hearing Officer)

Stephen G. Ross, Psy.D.

Jere Leib, Ph.D., Member

Raymond W. Horn, Ph.D., Member

Case Summary: On or about May 2, 2024 Dr. Sacchetti's application was denied on the basis of not meeting 868 IAC 1.1-13-3.1 and IC 25-33-1-14(a).

Dr. Sacchetti Submitted Exhibits for the Board's consideration. The Board accepted a copy of her opening statement, a copy of her application, status letter from her HSPP Supervisor, copies of the correspondence she has had with IPLA with her responses, pre-doctoral supervisor information.

The Board noted that her post-doctoral supervisor, Dr. Meyer, indicates that she is licensed in as a psychologist in Indiana, but does not hold the HSPP credential. The Board noted that they ask for resume's to determine equivalency.

The board stated they did not have concerns with her pre-doctoral, only post-doctoral supervisor. They discussed what the requirements are for post-doctoral supervision. Dr. Sacchetti stated that she understood the requirements.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny Dr. Sacchetti's appeal and uphold the original denial.

Hale/Horn

Motion carried 4/0/0

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. EPPP Examination 2026

ASPPB will be holding a conference for discussion of the EPPP Part 2 implementation. It is expected that the EPPP Part 1 will occur while the student is in school, and Part 2 will be approved by the Board. Dr. Hale is expected to attend the conference. The Board discussed the various conversations on push back on the EPPP Part 2.

IX. APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

A. Limited Scope Temporary Psychology Permit

There were no limited scopes for review.

B. Psychology by Examination/Reciprocity

There were no psychology applications for review.

C. HSPP Endorsement

There were no HSPP applications for review.

D. Continuing Education

There were no CE applications for review.

X. INDIANA PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION REPORT

Mr. Rhoad provided an update from the IPA. He discussed the EPPP part 2 and that schools like IU Bloomington are looking at the concerns surrounding the exam.

He discussed the Bowen Center project and that he found it positive. He stated that there was discussion of introducing a Master level Indiana psychology license. He provided an overview of the APA's project with creating standards for that license level. He also discussed the confusion on the HSPP process, and his discussions with the Bowen Center.

Mr. Rhoad discussed CE Programs and presentations by the Indiana Black Psychologists.

Mr. Rhoad discussed the Board's concerns with the complaint process and the differences between an ethical concern versus a legal violation concern.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Indiana State Psychology Board adjourned at 12:09 a.m.

Gregory Hale, Ph.D., Chair

Date